REMARKS

Claim Amendments:

Claims 1 has been canceled, without prejudice or disclaimer. Applicants specifically reserve the right to file appropriate continuing and/or divisional application(s) drawn to the subject matter of this claim.

New Claims 2-26 have been added.

Support for these new claims may be found throughout the specification of this application, as described in detail in Appendix 1. Appendix 1 is a chart providing an element-by-element recitation of Claims 2-26 of the Tarara Application and an indication of the passages in the originally filed application where, at the very least, the claims find support.

No new matter has been added by these amendments. The Examiner is hereby requested to enter these amendments.

Statement under 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c):

New Claims 2-26 correspond substantially to Claims 1-41 of U.S. Patent No. 6,416,739 to Rogerson et al.. They are being submitted to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §135(b).

The remaining information required by 37 C.F.R. §1.607(c) will be submitted in due course. In the event that this application is reached for action by the Examiner prior to the submission of the remaining Rule 607 requirements, the Examiner is hereby requested to telephone the undersigned at 650-622-2300 (extension 2330).

Conclusions:

In view of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that the all the claims of this application are patentable.

Entry of these preliminary amendments and early and favorable examination on the merits upon receipt of the further submission is hereby solicited.

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